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VANCOUVER FIRE.

ONLY THREE BLAZES IN ONE DAY

The Old Catholic Church was the First Building to Go.

Vancouver had a very close call from complete destruction by fire early Saturday morning last, and the three hours ending at 5 o'clock were the most exciting and menacing the people of the prosperous little city have ever known.

Fiery tongues licked their frame structures and leaped from building to building and from street to street. It was only through the united efforts of the citizens, the United States soldiers, the firemen and the territorial militia, that the fire was kept within the limits that it swept, and a repetition of the Seattle fire averted.

The total loss figures up between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The full amount of insurance is not known at present, but it will be between \$10,000 and \$20,000. No lives were lost and no one was injured. There is no question that the fire was of incendiary origin. It was the third attempt to fire the city within twenty-four hours, and the villains came very near accomplishing their dastardly design.

The first fire was discovered in the saloon of William Quinn, on Fifth and Reserve streets, at 3:15 Friday morning. The blaze was extinguished in good style. Mr. Quinn has no doubt that his place was fired.

At 11:30 Friday night, James McGinnis, the government watchman, discovered the old Catholic church in flames. He immediately gave the alarm by discharging his revolver and sentry No. 3 at the fort answered the signal by firing his piece. The garrison and municipal fire brigades were called out, but they were unable to save the building, and it burned to the ground.

There is no doubt that the old church was fired. It has not been occupied for three years, since the Catholics built their new cathedral. Watchman McGinnis says the flames flashed up and enveloped the building in a trice, as if kerosene had been used. There was an odor of coal oil about the building during the progress of the fire.

The church was one of the oldest landmarks in the territory, and stood on land regarding which there has been much litigation between the bishop of Nesqually and General Gibbon. It was an historic structure, having been built in the palmy days of the Hudson Bay Company. It was situated on Fifth street nearly half a mile from the place where the fire broke out in the business district.

The church was a smoldering ruin at 1:30 A. M., and the tired firemen of the city and garrison slowly wound up their hose and returned the engines to the houses. Nearly everybody had come out to see the fire and in half an hour they were home again to complete their interrupted night's rest.

The third fire was set in an ice house belonging to Mrs. Newell, and spread rapidly, burning up the east side of Main street to Fourth and spreading rapidly down to Third and across it, being stopped on that side of the street by the brick building of Slocom & Co. Below Fourth the fire crossed the street burning all in the block below the Odd Fellows building and crossing Third street burned three buildings belonging to Mrs. Turnbull. All the buildings destroyed were of the cheap variety, and while the individuals suffer the town will be benefitted.

The garrison fire brigade worked like Trojans, and but for their efforts there would have been many a desolate home and burned business block in Vancouver last night. The citizens say without hesitation the soldiers saved the town. Captain Paddeo, the depot quartermaster, furnished hose and attached it to the government fire plugs. Major Burke called out seven companies of the regular soldiers, and the boys put their shoulders to the wheel and did all

they could. Major Burke not only gave orders but worked.

Affairs at Johnstown.

JOHNSTOWN, June 23.—Twenty-four of the portable houses from Chicago have been assigned to the same number of the most destitute families here.

The county treasurer has posted a notice stating that he will be here on July 3 for the purpose of collecting taxes. But little of the property assessed can be found, and the taxpayers left here feel outraged at the posting of the notices, many of which have been torn down and destroyed.

R. L. Johnston, judge of Cambria county, has issued an order closing all the saloons and liquor places in Johnstown and surrounding boroughs and townships, until otherwise ordered. Unless this order is strictly obeyed, the license of the violator will be revoked.

THOUSANDS ARE STILL DESTITUTE.

JOHNSTOWN, June 23.—Colonel Spangler in charge of the commissary department, today presented his weekly report to Adjutant-General Hastings. The report shows 25,000 people still being daily fed here by the state, a reduction in the number of 35,000 during the week. Spangler recommends that the relief money be turned over to the citizens and that necessary supplies be purchased from sixteen general stores and the bakeries running here. The report suggests that one-third of the present commissaries be abolished Wednesday next.

The town clerk of Cambria borough has just completed a list showing that in that place alone 325 houses have been entirely swept away, and not even a trace of them can be found.

The bodies of two men, a child and a Chinaman were found today.

The Narrow Gauge Problem.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—The dispatch from Portland last night announcing that the Southern Pacific Company had bought the narrow gauge lines of the Oregonian Railway Company in Oregon was confirmed today at the general office of the Southern Pacific Company in this city.

The general understanding here is that following this late purchase the company will build two important branches to complete their local system. One that the officers of the company have discussed for some time past is a branch from Corvallis through Munroe to Junction City. The other branch will be nothing else than a line to Astoria from Forest Grove. At the company's offices here no information will be given concerning the road, but it is said that it is willing to advance money to the Astoria & South Coast railway to build it.

The two new roads, like all the others the company owns in Oregon, are to be operated under the names of the lines in Oregon.

An Insane Man's Wild Ride.

WALLA WALLA, W. T., June 23.—W. H. Irwin, a brakeman on the O. R. & N., while in an insane fit, jumped on an engine at Wallula, Saturday evening, and pulled the throttle wide open. The engine ran nine miles up the track toward Walla Walla, where it stopped when the steam gave out. Irwin will be examined as to his sanity tomorrow. It came near being a serious accident, as a special with Holcomb, General Dodge and G. M. Lane was expected in Wallula about that time. Fortunately they concluded to remain here over night, and the track was consequently clear.

The Oregon Pacific.

ALBANY, Or., June 24.—A contract was let today at Corvallis to J. S. Antonelle and Loring B. Doe, of San Francisco, for constructing twenty miles of road eastward on the Oregon Pacific railroad. The contract begins five miles this side of the tunnel commenced last winter and extends to within a few miles of the summit of the Cascade mountains. Work will be commenced at once.

SPOKANE WINS.

ONE MILLION DOLLARS WAGERED.

Forty-seven Thousand People Saw the Magnificent Contest.

CHICAGO, June 22.—Forty-seven thousand people paid their money at the gates at Washington park today and then saw Spokane win the American derby, worth \$18,000.

Spokane had been the favorite by far, still other horses had their backer. Proctor Knott, although defeated on more than one field, was not considered disgraced, and many thousands of dollars were staked on his ability to win the race. Don Jose, '00, was also considered by many to be every bit a good chance as Spokane. There was also a strong tip on Once Again.

As the time for the race drew near, the noise made by the bookmakers grew louder and louder, and the odds were cried in vociferous tones. The rush about the betting booths was enormous, and hundreds of people were unable to get within fifty feet of a bookmaker.

Spokane was a hot favorite at six to five, although large sums of money were also got on nearly every other horse in the race.

Nearly \$1,000,000 changed hands on the result.

The race was an exciting one, because the tremendous crowd made it so.

No great show was made in the preliminary parade, in which each of the contestants looked fit to compete for the valuable stakes. Sorrento was first on the track, then Proctor Knott appeared and was followed by Long Dance, Don Jose, Retrieve and Once Again. Last came Spokane. During the three break-aways, Proctor Knott broke in front each time, plainly showing that Bryan's disappointment was to be a pacemaker.

When the flag fell to an excellent start, Once Again was in front, followed by Sorrento, Don Jose, Proctor Knott, Long Dance, Retrieve, and Spokane, in the order named.

The "dare devil" immediately applied the whip, and Knott shot ahead like a flash, Once Again being taken back by Murphy. The race was fast, and all seemed content with their positions, which down the stretch and past the stand remained unchanged, except that for a moment Don Jose made a spurt. Knott had an advantage of two lengths over the others, who were well bunched, with Spokane bringing up the rear under Kiley's strong pull. Knott lost some of his lead, and at the three-quarter pole Sorrento was gaining.

Then the race became desperate. When the half-mile mark fell behind the racers, there was just daylight between Knott and Retrieve, while the others, except Once Again, were pulling up. Sorrento was cut off in the turn, but the jockey, pulling him to the outside, made up lost ground so rapidly that his backers trembled with joy. When the home stretch was reached he was again second, but there Proctor Knott gave out and there Spokane made his run. So fast did he come that rushing past the last quarter he was actually leading, while Knott had already fallen into third place.

Again Sorrento advanced, but although stronger than those behind, could not disturb Spokane, who came away under Kiley's upraised hand but without tasting the whip or spur, and won very easily by a full length. Sorrento was second, a head before Retrieve, third, followed by Don Jose, Long Dance, Once Again and Proctor Knott. The latter was cut up and very tired and was stopped at the saddling paddock and taken to his stable, while the crowd hurraed and the band played as a saddle of roses was placed upon the winner's haunches.

So much money came down from the northwest that Spokane went to the post a heavy favorite at 6 to 5. Other closing odds were as follows:

Knott, 2 to 1; Don Jose, 4 to 1; Once

Again, 6 to 1; Sorrento, 8 to 1; Long Dance and Retrieve, 30 to one each.

The official time of the derby was 2:14 1/4.

When Spokane reached his stall he was almost mobbed by the Montana stables' frenzied attendants, who clung about his neck and would not allow him to rest until his trainer had shouted himself hoarse. He was rubbed down and lightly fed, and as the sun went down the stable boys gathered under his shed and told of the great horse's prowess.

A lusty dandy placed a big pot on the fire and filled it with small white leaves taken from a bag. It was the "medicine man's" life-giver, and it was being prepared for Spokane's next meal.

Shortly a tall, red-faced man, with a brown beard and his hands thrust clumsily in his trousers pockets, sauntered along the stable path. It was Sam Bryant, on his way to his own stalls. As he passed the Montana stables he was attracted by laughter and loud talk, and turning in that direction, saw the big darkey stirring the steaming mass in the pot. His mouth stretched into a broad grin, and as he stirred and added the white leaves he sang, the only intelligible words being "Spokane, my Spoke." Sam Bryant sighed, a tear glistened in his eye, and he continued his way to join Proctor Knott.

For the London "Times."

CHICAGO, June 22.—A cablegram from the solicitor of the London Times, says the Daily News, was received at the office of Attorney Frank Collier this morning. It requested him to procure, as soon as possible, a certified copy of the evidence taken by the coroner in the Cronin inquest. The evidence makes 1100 pages in type-writer print, and the copy which will be taken next week will cost \$250. For what purpose the Times wants the evidence is not known. Mr. Collier is now on his way to England.

Foreign Missions.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—The following appointments were announced this morning:

John L. Stevens, of Maine, minister to the Hawaiian islands.

George Money, of Tennessee, minister to Paraguay and Uruguay.

John Martin Crawford, of Ohio, consul general at St. Petersburg.

SPECIAL AGENT OF THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Secretary Windom today appointed J. T. Evans, of California, special agent of the treasury.

Our Trade With Japan.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—A movement has been started in the east for increasing the trade with Japan to a more equal proportion.

The Post this morning says: "Something should be done to put our foreign trade on a better basis. The United States buys from Japan \$17,000,000 worth of produce, while Japan buys less than \$3,000,000 worth in return. This is not a fair measure of reciprocity, and some sort of an explanation would seem to be in order."

Mrs. Hayes' Condition Unchanged.

CLEVELAND, June 24.—A dispatch from Fremont at 11 o'clock to-night reports Mrs. Hayes' condition as practically unchanged. She is still sinking slowly.

FREMONT, O., June 24.—At 12 o'clock the family have not yet retired. There is no doubt that the family consider her recovery doubtful, and are watching every symptom and change in fear of the worst. President and Mrs. Harrison sent a telegram of sympathy today.

General Cameron's Condition.

LANCASTER, Pa., June 24.—A report from Donegal Springs says that General Cameron still lives, but is believed to be growing weaker.

LANCASTER, Pa., June 24.—This evening's report from General Cameron states that he is growing weaker hourly. He still retains consciousness.